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Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Behavioral health services" means services for mental or
3 nervous conditions and substance abuse treatment services;
- 4 (2) "Mental or nervous conditions" has the same meaning as
5 provided in section 38a-488a of the general statutes;
- 6 (3) "Substance abuse treatment" means treatment for alcoholism or
7 drug dependence;
- 8 (4) "Drug dependence" has the same meaning as provided in section
9 21a-240 of the general statutes;
- 10 (5) "Intensive community-based services" means emergency mobile
11 psychiatric services, extended day treatment and intensive home-
12 based services, all provided to children and adolescents under
13 eighteen years of age;

14 (6) "Emergency mobile psychiatric services" means services for
 15 children and adolescents that (A) provide immediate, mobile
 16 assessment, early intervention and stabilization services to individuals
 17 in a state of crisis, and (B) are provided in community settings such as
 18 the home, school, emergency department, or practitioner's office;

19 (7) "Extended day treatment" means a community-based level of
 20 care for children and adolescents and their families that provides an
 21 array of services designed to support the family in maintaining at
 22 home a child or adolescent who (A) is at risk for out-of-home
 23 placement due to behavioral health issues, or (B) has returned from
 24 out-of-home placement; and

25 (8) "Intensive home-based services" means rehabilitative services of
 26 at least four hours per week provided as part of an individualized
 27 service plan and using a treatment model that is designed for treating
 28 the child's or adolescent's particular behavioral health problem.

29 (b) Each health insurance policy issued for delivery or renewed in
 30 accordance with the provisions of chapter 700c of the general statutes
 31 that provides coverage for behavioral health services for children and
 32 adolescents under the age of eighteen shall provide benefits of at least
 33 forty per cent of the annual costs for intensive community-based
 34 services for children and families enrolled in the voluntary services
 35 program operated by the Department of Children and Families. No
 36 payment made pursuant to this section shall be applied by the insurer,
 37 health care center or plan administrator against any maximum lifetime
 38 or annual limits specified in the policy or health benefits plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	New section

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